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***CENTRAL ASIA REGION – Complex Emergency***

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*Note: This Fact Sheet updates previously released Central Asia Region Fact Sheets and Situation Reports.*

**Numbers Affected**

- On November 6, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that approximately 135,000 Afghan refugees have entered Pakistan since September 11. Although United Nations (U.N.) and nongovernmental organization (NGO) sources are reporting increased population movements since November 12, it is not clear how many new refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) there are at this time.

**Afghanistan**

- On November 24, the Taliban authorities in Kunduz agreed to surrender the city to Northern Alliance forces.
- The U.N. issued a Donor Alert update on November 26 with revised funding requirements for the U.N. response to the Afghanistan crisis. The Donor Alert, which covers the period from October 1 to March 2002, cites a total budget of \$622 million, of which \$319 million remains to be funded.

**Population Movements**

- UNHCR reported that approximately 1,500 IDPs returned to Kabul between November 24 and 25. Simultaneously, an undetermined number of Afghans have left Kabul to return to their homes in the Shomali Plains, which they abandoned during the civil war.
- Up to 50% of the IDPs in some areas of Badakshan and Takhar provinces are beginning to return to their places of origin, according to the U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator. Reports indicate that IDPs from Khoja Bahaudin and Dashti-I-Qala are returning to their homes in Khoja Ghar district.
- UNHCR reported on November 25 that drought-affected IDPs from Ghor province continue to move to camps near Herat at the rate of several hundred each day. UNHCR and the Iranian Red Crescent Society delivered non-food items to 9,000 beneficiaries at the Herat camps on November 24.
- Refugee returns from Iran to Afghanistan continue at a rate of approximately 1,000 a day, according to a UNHCR report on November 25.

**Security**

- According to a recent assessment of Kabul by the UN Mine Action Program, the capital city contains fewer unexploded ordinances (UXO) than previously expected. Initial reports estimate that the city could be cleared of UXOs and landmines within four weeks.
- An ACTED security assessment conducted on November 18-19 found improving security along three roads—from Pul-e-Kurmi to Mazar-e-Sharif, Hairaton to Mazar-e-Sharif, and Maimana to Mazar-e-Sharif. On November 20-21, ACTED conducted a security assessment of Maimana that verified that the roads into Maimana are secure and that landmines are not a problem in the general vicinity.

**Logistics**

- Sixty-five thousand metric tons of food provided by USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) arrived at the port of Bandar Abbas in Iran on November 21. The food will be transferred to WFP regional hubs in Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.
- A USAID/OFDA-funded airlift of 350,000 World Food Program (WFP) wheat bags arrived at Turkmenabad on November 24. The bags will be used to package and distribute WFP wheat supplies that have already arrived at Turkmenabad. USAID/OFDA contributed \$65,490 to transport the bags.
- UNHCR's first convoy of relief supplies arrived in Kabul on November 25, delivering tents, blankets, plastic sheeting and jerry cans for 10,000 Afghans. Last week, UNHCR began distributing winterization packages including charcoal, stoves, quilts, blankets, plastic sheeting, and winter clothing to approximately 10,000 affected Afghans in Kabul.
- The WFP airlifts from Quetta to Turkmenabad continue, with 135 metric tons (MT) of wheat delivered to date. The food will be delivered to Afghanistan from the north because the road from Quetta to Kandahar remains too insecure for road transport.
- On November 23, the WFP initiated an airlift of food commodities from Tajikistan to Feyzabad, in northeast Afghanistan. The airlift operation delivered 17 MT of wheat the first day, with additional deliveries planned to

occur four times daily until 2,000 MT has been delivered. Onward distribution of food will take place by truck to populations in Badakhshan and Takhar provinces.

## **Pakistan**

- On November 24, the Government of Pakistan (GOP) ceased registration of Afghan refugees between the ages of 20 and 40, to prevent combatants affiliated with the Taliban from occupying the camp. The GOP decided on November 26 to close the border to all refugees. The action leaves approximately 2,000 people without assistance outside the Killi Faizo staging area at Chaman. UNHCR is negotiating with the GOP to have the action reversed, according to an announcement on November 26.
- WFP reported on November 26 that the road from Quetta to Spin Buldak, on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, is now safe enough for truck movement. WFP plans to begin delivery of food to 16,800 people at Spin Buldak over the next few days.

## **U.S. Government Activities**

### *New Actions*

- To date, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has airdropped 1,883,100 Humanitarian Daily Rations (HDRs) into Afghanistan. According to DOD, the cost of the airdrop operations, including the rations, transport, and fuel expenses, total approximately \$122,147,769 million.

### *Disaster Declarations & Background*

- On October 4, 2001, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Christina B. Rocca redeclared a complex humanitarian disaster for Afghanistan for FY 2002.
- On October 10, 2001, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires James A. Boughner declared a disaster for Tajikistan due to drought.

## **FY 2002 USG Assistance to Afghanistan**

Total USAID/OFDA.....	\$49,230,444
Total USAID/FFP .....	\$38,555,000
Total USAID/OTI.....	\$1,687,820
Total State/PRM .....	\$32,260,000
Total DOD* .....	\$122,147,769
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance FY 2002.....</b>	<b>\$243,881,033</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance FY 2001.....</b>	<b>\$178,607,625</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan FY 2001/2002.....</b>	<b>\$422,488,658</b>

## **FY 2002 USG Assistance to Tajikistan**

Total USAID/OFDA.....	\$998,180
Total USAID/FFP .....	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2002 .....</b>	<b>\$20,998,180</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2001 .....</b>	<b>\$67,210,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG Humanitarian Assistance to Tajikistan FY 2001/2002 .....</b>	<b>\$88,208,180</b>

**Note:** Full details of funding above are available in weekly USAID/OFDA Central Asia Region Situation Reports.

*\*Note: DOD funding totals are estimates.*

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